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$6.1 million asked

School budget approved

The $6.1 million 1984 budget adopted by the Appomattox County School Board at last Wednesday's meeting means a six percent increase in salaries of Appomattox County teachers.

The budget, requiring a total increase of $606,376 or 10.9 percent will go to the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors for approval.

In addition to the six percent salary increase for teachers, the School Board will begin paying employees' Virginia Supplemental Retirement System payment, five percent of the employee's salary and increase the board payment of hospitalization 1.1 percent.

Appomattox County teachers will receive a total benefit and salary increase of 12.4 percent.

Beginning teachers salaries would rise from $12,200 to $13,000 as a result of the new budget adopted Wednesday.

Teachers with five years teaching experience would see salaries rise from $13,736 to $14,269. Teachers with 10 years experience would get an increase of $451 from $15,047 to $15,498.

A science teaching position will be added at the Appomattox County High School in compliance with new state accreditation standards. At the same time one elementary teaching position will be cut because of declining enrollment.

ACHS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR HOWARD CLABOUGH talks with several school athletes who are modeling some of the items purchased with funds raised by the Booster Club. The athletes are (from left) front row - Gary Ferguson, Bobby Carter, Paul Johnson, Mike Jackson, Todd Scruggs; back row - Diann Jones, Kim Hancock, Anne Caldwell, Kim Shupe, Marsha Cheatham, and Teresa Austin.

Danny Notestein honored

Danny Notestein, a junior at Appomattox County High School, is a finalist in the 1984 National Merit Scholarship Program. Notestein, who met the rigorous requirements for finalist standing in the program, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Notestein of Appomattox.

Not only has Danny excelled academically, he has participated in extracurricular activities including treasurer of the senior chapter of the Science Club, chairman of the program committee for the Appomattox Community 4-H Club, a founding member of the Appomattox Gaming Society, a participant in the Gifted and Talented Program, a United States Chess Federation rated chess player, and he has written several computer programs and competed in the Virginia Mathematics League contest.

Finalists are now being considered for one of 1800 National Merit $1000 scholarships. Winners will be chosen in open competition, on a state representation basis. The national awards are underwritten with grants from business and industrial sponsors and unrestricted program funds. Approximately 3,500 four-year merit scholarships will be awarded, sponsored by corporate organizations and colleges and universities.

Winners of merit scholarships will receive their offers in March and early April. Last fall the National Merit Scholarship Corporation issued a nationwide news release of the names of semifinalists. This was done to increase public awareness of the academic accomplishments of exceptionally able secondary school students and to bring them to the attention of the nation's colleges and universities, many of which recruit performers in the merit program. Semifinalists had to meet additional rigorous standards to be selected as finalists. They had to document high academic performance throughout high school, receive the recommendation of their principals, confirm their earlier qualifying test scores on a second examinaiton, and provide considerable information about their interests, accomplishments, and goals.

In a letter to Danny, Dr. M. Elizabeth Jacka, Executive Vice President of the National Merit Scholarship Program stated, "How you develop the potential you have demonstrated, as well as the degree of success you achieve in the future, will depend upon you, your use of opportunities, perseverance in preparation and training, and ultimate competence. All of us associated with the merit program salute you for your educational achievements to date, and we offer you best wishes in the pursuit of the high goals you set for youself."

Danny will attend Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in the fall and plans to major in Computer Science.

LLOYD G. WALTON, (right) Superintendent of Appomattox County Schools; Donald L. Armentrout, (left) Principal of Appomattox County High School and Danny Notestein (center), who is receiving the Certificate of Merit as a finalist in the 1984 National Merit Scholarship Program. The Certificate of Merit signifies that he is in a very select group intellectually, representing less than half of one percent of American high school seniors. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Boosters' contributions add up

Appomattox County's school athletic teams are again this year looking their best, thanks largely to the efforts of the Appomattox Athletic Boosters Club.

The club generates through its various fundraising projects between $3,000 and $5,000 each year to be spent on the county's school athletic teams.

"Without the financial aid rendered by the Booster Club, we wouldn't be able to have many of the 'extras' that we have," comments Appomattox County High School Athletic Director Howard Clabough. "We would have the essentials to participate in sports, but not the extra things that make a big difference to a high school athlete," he added.

Citing a few examples of the "extras" purchased with Boosters Club dollars, Clabough referred to basketball game and practice uniforms; baseball jackets, hats and championship shirts; football championship shirts; softball uniforms and sweatsuits; volleyball warm-up suits and uniforms; cheerleaders' uniforms; and track warm-up suits; all purchased in the past year and a half.

"We're very lucky in this county to have a Booster Club as active and helpful as ours," notes Clabough. "Not all areas are so fortunate."

Clabough continues, "I'd like to, as athletic director, personally thank Alton Smith, president of the club, and all the members for the help they have given us."

He added that the club is planning another fund-raising project, a professional wrestling match, for March 19 at the high school.

More details on this event will appear later in the Times-Virginian.

Appomattox a busy place in 1888

Editors Note: The Times-Virginian gratefully acknowledges the loan of copies of pages of the Lynchburg City Directory, dated 1888, researched at the Jones Memorial Library in Lynchburg by Robert [Bob] Jamerson, local historian.

By FRANCES ABBITT

The year was 1888. The place, Appomattox County, and it was a busy place!

In thinking of by-gone days, one is apt to picture quieter times, less hustle and bustle, even less business activity. Don't you believe it!

According to the Lynchburg Directory, 1888, Appomattox County had lots of business and professional men offering their services in various communities of the county.

But first, let's take a look at the elected officials in Appomatox County back in 1888.

Keeping law and order and wearing the sheriff's badge was T.B. Bryant. County surveyor was A. S. Swan. Treasurer for the county was J. F. Franklin. The County Commissioner of Revenue was George W. Abbitt, who incidently, was the grandfather of several Appomattox residents, Retired Congressman Watkins M. Abbitt, Herbert M. Abbitt, pharmacist, Retired Judge George F. Abbitt, Jr. and Mrs. Dora Abbitt Conner.

In 1888 Appomattox County Commonwealth's Attorney was W. C. Franklin.

As it is today, three county supervisors made up the governing body for the county. They were William A. White, Chairman; D. H. Marshall and H. E. Gilliam.

There was no shortage of attorneys in Appomattox back in 1888. Attorney T. S. Bocock had his law office set up in the community of Tower Hill which is near what is today Routes 60 and 654.

Appomattox Court House had four law offices. One attorney was D. A. Christian, the grandfather of local citizen, Chesley Christian and the father of the late Dr. David Christian, Sr.; H. T. Parish, R. B. Poore and C. H. Sackett.

If you happened to be living in the community of Evergreen in 1888 you had only a short walk to a law office.....the attorney was J.P.L. Fleshman located there in the village.

Pamplin City had not one, but two law offices. One was that of W. C. Franklin, also the County Commonwealth Attorney. The second Pamplin attorney was E. R. Woodson.

William B. Tinsley wad an attorney with an office in Mineral, community in the area known today as Bent Creek.

If you lived in Tower Hill community the lawyer to see was T. J. Thornhill.

There were no automobile dealerships back in 1888 but plenty of coach and wagonmakers. Stephen Beasley was the man to see for a new coach or wagon if you lived in Tower Hill. E. E. Chism and W.W. Ragland were coach and wagon makers in Evergreen. J.W. Clark, Samuel Davis and Z. Taylor in Pamplin CIty.

Dayton Crews and William B. Taylor were coach and wagonmakers in Spanish Oakes......possibly near the Oakville Community. In Bent Creek the man to see for a new wagon or coach was Washington Johnson. In Mineral the man to see was S.R. Martin; John A. Rosser in Appomattox Court House. In the community of Chap it was H. H. Rush; and Thompson and Brothers, the headquarters for a new wagon or coach in Spring Mills.

Not every area had a dentist. Dr. Martin Hamlet was the dentist in Pamplin City; Dr. J. T. Tinsley, the dentist in Mineral and Dr. B. S. Vanter, the dentist in Bent Creek.

Druggist listed in the directory in 1888 for Appomattox included H. C. Babcock in Mineral; he was the grandfather of local residents, H. Webster Babcock, owner-operator of Babcock Manor; Margaret Babcock Seargent, and Blanche Babcock Poe. In Bent Creek the druggist was J. J. Bolton and in Pamplin City D. W. Gills.

If the dentist and the druggist couldn't ease the pain, then maybe it would have been time to call on one of the distillers in the county back then.....all nice and legal too!

According to the directory, Tower Hill and Evergreen had the most.

In Evergreen, the distillers were George T. Farrar, William A. Glover, A. N. Harvey. In Tower Hill, if booze

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Governor cites AARP

Commonwealth of Virginia Governor Charles S. Robb has declared Feb. 22, 1984 as American Association of Retired Persons Day and calls this observance to the attention of all Virginia citizens.

The local chapter of AARP, Pamplin Chapter 2295, which covers the entire county, has 42 members.

In the proclamation Governor Robb calls attention to the contributions of Virginia's older citizens.

"Every citizen should have the life-long opportunity to develop and use personal abilities to provide services to family, friends, neighbors, and the community," reads the certificate of recognization.

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the national non-profit community service organization, has a membership of nearly 15 million representing the interests of all older Americans for 25 years and is celebrating its silver anniversary this year.

The AARP has provided opportunities for older Americans to achieve independence, dignity, purpose in their lives through educational and service programs offered by local AARP chapters and units of retired teachers.

The AARP motto is "To serve, not to be served."

Election filing deadline near

Residents of the towns of Appomattox and Pamplin who wish to be a candidate for mayor or council in the May 1 local election must register at the County Clerk's office by 7 p.m., March 6.

For additional information, contact the town or county offices.

Engaged couples wanted

The Times-Virginian is planning a special bridal section to be published in March. The paper invites local couples planning a spring or summer wedding this year to participate in this edition. The publication will contain pictures of couples participating.

Couples interested in participating in the bridal section of the Times-Virginian for March are requested to call the paper at 352-8215 no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

With Washington's Birthday behind us, next we have St. Patrick's Day, March 17 and then Spring begins March 20. Or, maybe, Sp-ring has sprung. Brought in several blooming crocuses from my yard and daffodils and narcissus up and growing. And buds all over. Pyracantha especially. Some gardens have been plowed, mine on the waiting list. No figs for me this year: the plant is dead.

The Leap Year date is next Wednesday, the 29th. "Fat Tuesday" of Mardi Gras in New Orleans is March 6. Have been to New Orleans many times, but never for the Mardi Gras.

Also around the corner is big league baseball. My favorite team, New York Yankees, will have some changes this year. But so will the other clubs and it takes a few weeks into the season to get accustomed to the line-up. Example, last year's Yankee shortstop may be playing at first base this year. Roy Smalley.

Thanks to the Robert S. Miners, Pamplin, for a recent copy of The Virginia Gazette, Williamsburg. Said to be the oldest U.S. Weekly newspaper. Dates back to 1736. And to the friend who came by to bring papers from Harrisonburg, Staunton, Culpeper. I read 'em all.

The Gazette was founded Aug. 6. 1736 by William Parks. And a reminder that The-Times-Virginian will be 100 years old in 1992. Started as Appomatox and Buckingham Times. Hope to be around for the Centennial issue.

Add to those reporting cardinals as bird guests: Mrs. Verna Conner. Listed five.

Unusual item. A Virginia church bishop was on tour in Africa and among the natives saw one wearing a T-Shirt with the words: "Virginia Is For Lovers."

And an interesting story about a man in Northern Virginia who has had his ups and downs in life and is now on a project to leave his family. He is copying the Bible, red and blue ink handwritten on standard looseleaf notebook paper. Has finished the New Testament, the Psalms, and now on Genesis.

Saddened by the death of star entertainer, Ethel Merman. Years ago we went to New York to see her in Annie Get Your Gun, and yes, Martha, we still have that picture of Ethel Merman you took in Lynchburg.

Buckingham 54, Appomattox 51. Well, close games are a feature all over. All in all, has been a good year.

Looking for a cheap record player, so I can play some of the old 78 RPM's have accumulated.

Soon time to be cutting grass. Remember: Appomattox Is A Growing Town. Thanks for reading and seeya around.

Lions to meet

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet on Thursday evening, Feb. 23 at 6:45 at the Country Fare Restaurant.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Susan Garrett, anchorwoman for WSET news, Channel 13, Lynchburg.

Members are urged to attend.

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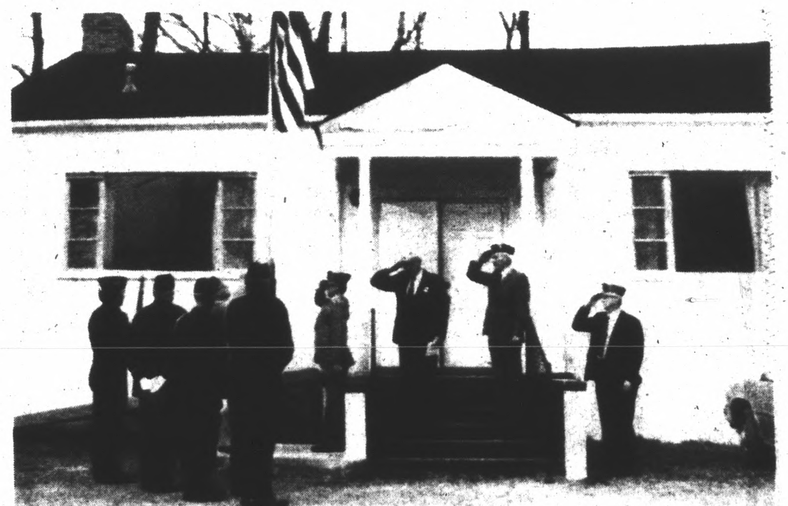

THE 10th DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTION, hosted by American Legion Post 104 and Auxiliary Unit 104, Appomattox, attracted approximately 80 members and friends on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 19. Special guests attending were State Commander of American Legion, James F. Draper; Western Zone Commander, Eff Hendricks; Past Department Commander Wiry Corey; National Committeeman, Emmitt Burley; 10th District Commander, Bill Robertson; and executive auxiliary officers from surrounding counties. Following the business meeting Commanders Draper, Robertson, Gragg, Chaplain Ivy Holland, Adjutant W.E. Neathawk and the Honor Guard from Post 16, Lynchburg, dedicated the new flag pole and American flag at Post 104. Pictured above are Ivey Holland, Bill Robertson, James Draper, Dennis Gragg, Bill Neathawk, and Honor Guard under the command of Jason Tomlinson. (Photo by Frances Abbitt)

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